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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MPEAA OFFICIALS TO MIDDLE EAST TO DISCUSS
FILM PIRACY

REF: (A) ABU DHABI 928, (B) STATE 84791

1. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF PIRACY
OF U.S. FILMS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE MPEAA DELEGATION APRIL
18 AND 19. AS DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE, WE HAVE
PREVIOUSLY CORESPONDED WITH MR. FREDERICK GRONICH OF MPEAA
- PARIS (E.G. STEPHEN W. GUCK LETTER OF MARCH 15, 1977), AND
HAVE OUTLINED THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTING TO PRO-
TECT THE FINANCIAL RIGHTS OF MPEAA IN KUWAIT. LIKE THE REST
OF THE GULF STATES, KUWAIT HAS NO COPYRIGHT LAWS AND
PROSECUTION OF ABUSE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL IS
ACCORDINGLY DIFFICULT. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT LOCAL
LAWYERS HAVE PROVED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST
WITH REGARD TO MATTERS INVOLVING COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT,
AND WE RECOMMENDED TO MR. GRONICH THAT HE CONTACT THE LOCAL
LAWYERS WHO HAVE BEEN SO INVOLVED AND CONSULT WITH THEM.

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2. THE ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTED IN REF A IS NOT FEASIBLE
FOR KUWAIT SINCE KUWAIT CUSTOMS WILL NOT SEIZE OR BAR
ENTRY TO ITEMS IMPORTED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT THE
EXCLUSIVE AGENT. (PRECEDENT FOR THE FREE IMPORTATION OF ALL
ITEMS WITHOUT REGARD TO AGENCY AGREEMENTS WAS SET WHEN THE
FIRST PIRATE SHIPMENT OF GM CARS WAS OFF-LOADED AND SOLD IN

KUWAIT.)

3. THE MOST PRACTICAL APPROACH IN KUWAIT IS FOR MPEAA TO
WORK WITH BOTH THE LOCAL LEGAL COMMUNITY AND THE
ESTABLISHED SUPPLIERS TO THE MARKET.

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